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**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY  
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**Title:** HANDHELD RETRACTABLE PULL-THROUGH KNIFE  
SHARPENER

**Seyfarth Shaw LLP**  
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As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention described and claimed in the above-captioned application.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-captioned application, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the claims in this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56(a).

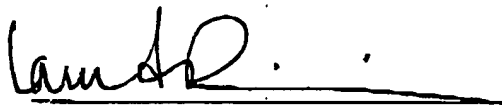
On behalf of my assignee, and not on my own behalf, I appoint Seyfarth Shaw, LLP, and each and every member and associate thereof and patent agent therein, including Harold V. Stotland (Reg. No. 24,492), J. Terry Stratman (Reg. No. 25,165), Alan L. Unikel (Reg. No. 24,142), George H. Gerstman (Reg. No. 22,419), Garrettson Ellis (Reg. No. 22,792), David L. Newman (Reg. No. 37,196), and Joseph R. Lanser (Reg. No. 44,860), as attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

I request that all correspondence in respect to this application be directed to Harold V. Stotland, Seyfarth Shaw, LLP, Suite 4200, 55 East Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603-5803, and whose telephone number is 312-346-8000.

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or

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